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SUBJ: KOREA IN 29TH GA: PARK-BENNETT MEETING JUNE 4

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SUMMARY: ROK PERMANENT OBSERVER CALLED ON AMBASSADOR BENNETT JUNE 4 TO REFLECT CONCERN ABOUT PLANNING FOR 29TH GA, CITING THREAT THAT NORTH KOREA MIGHT SEIZE UN INITIATIVE HERE WHILE SEOUL BILATERALS CONTINUE. END SUMMARY.

1. ROK PERMANENT OBSERVER PARK PAID CALL JUNE 4 ON AMB BENNETT TO TALK PRELIMINARILY AND INFORMALLY ABOUT 29TH GA.

2. PARK AT OUTSET STRESSED THAT NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY ABROAD THIS YEAR, WHICH HAS INCLUDED VISITS TO MORE THAN FIFTY COUNTRIES AND IN MANY CASES DELIVERY OF LETTER FROM KIM IL SUNG, HAS BEEN REMARKABLY INTENSIVE. (SEPTEL REQUESTS INFO ON DPRK ACTIVITIES DURING OAU MEETING IN MOGADISCIO.)

3. PARK SAID THAT HE IS WAITING FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL, BUT LEFT NO DOUBT THAT HE BELIEVES, IN VIEW OF RISK THAT NORTH KOREANS MAY MOVE QUICKLY TO INSCRIBE ITEM ON 29TH GA AGENDA, THAT USG AND ROKG CANNOT AFFORD DELAY IN MAKING BASIC DECISIONS ABOUT TACTICS. HE STRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT VOTING SITUATION AT 29TH GA LIKELY TO BE SUCH THAT SECURING PRIORITY FOR ANY RESOLUTION THAT WE MIGHT INTRODUCE COULD  
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MAKE CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE. WHILE INFORMALLY RAISING THIS

IDEA AS ONE FOR DISCUSSION, PARK DID NOT ASK US FOR RESPONSE.

4. PARK VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF BILATERAL TALKS BEING CONDUCTED IN SEOUL AND SAID HE HOPED WE WOULD BE ABLE, IN PARALLEL DISCUSSIONS, TO FOCUS URGENTLY ON UN-RELATED TACTICAL QUESTIONS BEFORE NORTH KOREANS AND FRIENDS SEIZE INITIATIVE.

5. PARK TOLD BENNETT THAT HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED KOREA UN ISSUE IN ANY DETAIL WITH OTHER FRIENDLY MISSIONS PENDING CRYSTALLIZATION OF JOINT US-ROK PLAN. (HOWEVER, HE DID SAY THAT JAPANESE ARE AWARE OF OUR SEOUL BILATERLAS.)

6. BENNETT WAS WARM IN MANNER BUT WHOLLY NON-COMMITTAL DURING 45 MINUTE EXCHANGE, PROMISING ONLY TO REPORT AND TO REMAIN IN CONTACT.

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PARK'S APPROACH HERE OBVIOUSLY CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LHO, PARK SOUGHT (AS DID COUNSELOR HAM, IN SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGE WITH MISOFF) TO HAVE US LOOK UPON MEETING AS ONE REQUESTED, WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR JOINT EFFORT AFTER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED.  
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